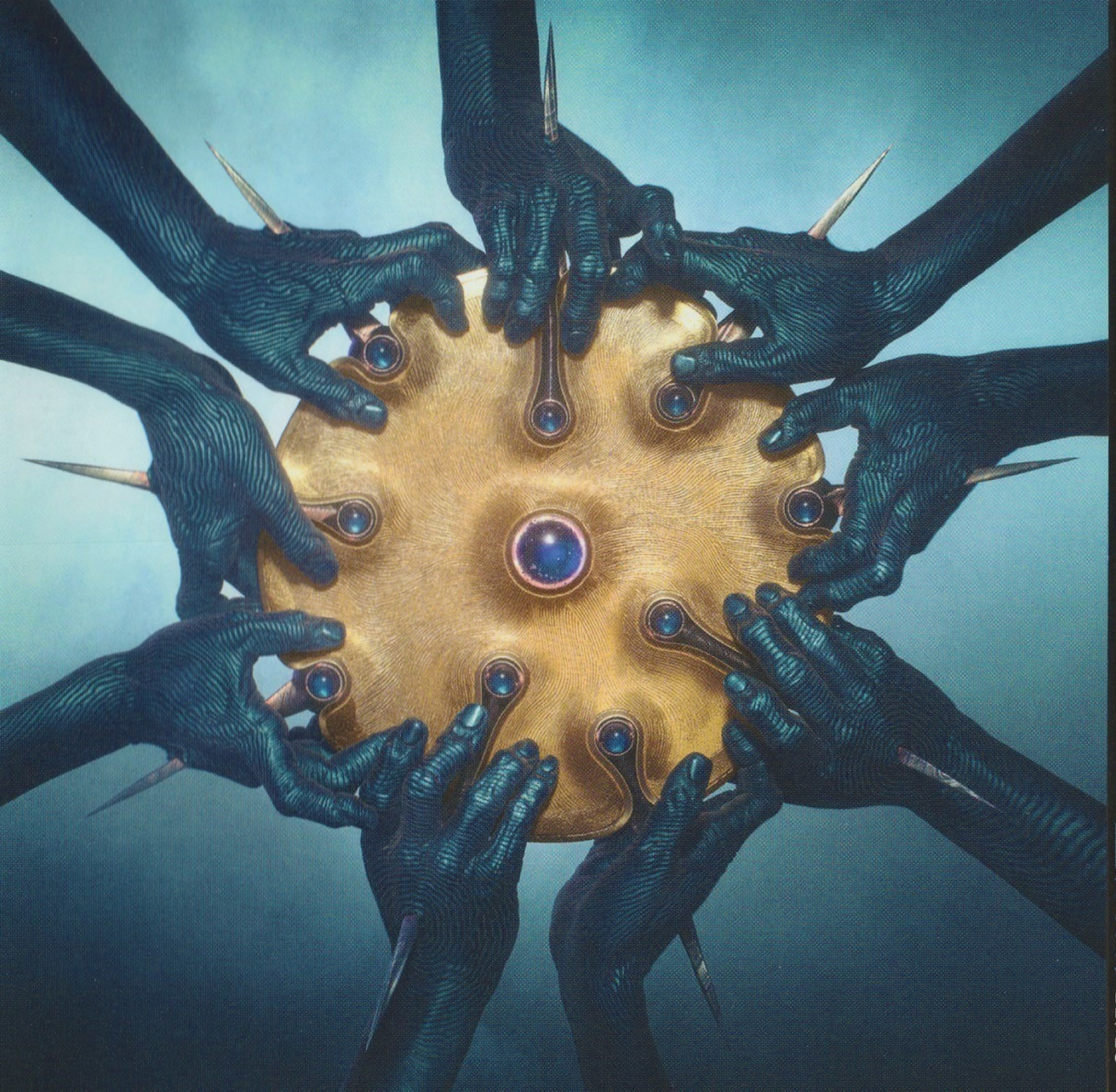

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CROSS THE DIVIDE

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Dive into a cosmic sea • Unravel all its mysteries • Navigate our spirits flying higher • As we join the endless choir • We all unite • And now we rise • We fly and cross the divide • All I want is to go back in time • Change all moments lost in the tide • Taking back control • Cross the divide • All I want is to go back in time • Change all moments lost in the tide • Taking back control • Cross the divide • Time to wander through the mind • Immortal shadows intertwine • Navigate your way through cosmic sea • Our hearts infinity • They will align • Give us the sign to fly and • Cross the divide • All I want is to go back in time • Change all moments lost in the tide • Taking back control • Cross the divide • All I want is to go back in time • Change all moments lost in the tide • Taking back control • Cross the Divide • Everywhere I look, I see the sadness in their bloodshot eyes • Everytime I feel the horror creeping through our children's minds, I cry • Cross the Divide • All I want is to go back in time • Change all moments lost in the tide • Taking back control • Cross the divide • All I want is to go back in time • Change all moments lost in the tide • Taking back control • Echoes of all stories untold blinded by the night • Gravity is growing stronger • Bending shape of time in our lives

ARCANA

MUSIC R. VAN DER LOO & EPICA
LYRICS S. SIMONS

Hear me • I want you to hear me • My cries • See me • As want you to see me • Alive • Life, • It feels eternal when you're close to me • A bird without its wings cannot be free • Your spirit feels • A cold embrace • That slowly fades • Rise, • I see a future bright and crystal clear • Be brave, aim higher and don't disappear • Defy the odds • Into eternity and endlessly • Heal me • I want you to heal me • My heart • And in the dark I see you hiding from the light • Your destiny there written in the stars until the end of time • Heal me • I want you to heal me • My heart • See me • As I want you to see me • Alive • Breathe, • And through the pain and tears we truly feel • You'll find a way through chaos and all fear • No soul denies a symmetry that's meant to be • Fly, • Your wings will catch the wind and set you free • Cast off the weight and dreams will reappear • A king and queen • Ride on eternally forever free • Free me • I long to be free • And in the dark I see you hiding from the light • Your destiny there written in the stars until the end of time • Hear me • I want you to hear me • My cries • See me • As I want you to heal me • To be alive • Step in the light, your heart is fighting for your life • We resonate a dueled fate lives deep within the grand design • See me • I want you to see me • Hear me I want you to hear me • Free me, • I want you to free me • Heal me • As I want you to heal me • See me • I want you to see me • Hear me • As I want you to hear me • Be Alive • See, it's my time to rise from the debris • Break all the chains on me • Breathe, and release the toxic energy • Find, your serenity

DARKNESS DIES IN LIGHT

A NEW AGE DAWNS PART VII
MUSIC M. JANSEN, I. DELAHAYE & EPICA
LYRICS M. JANSEN

We are the masters of creation • We are the architects of life • Forever longing for all hearts to intertwine • You are the space between the lines of life's design • I am the slayer of damnation • I am the sorcerer divine • I'll harness all our strength to shape our destiny • Fierce as the sea • Wild and free • You are the chosen one • A Scarlet night, a force of life • Fill my heart with wonders to believe in • A gift of hope, so pure and bright • Our souls align • As darkness dies in light • We should transcend beyond the heavens • And call on wisdom deep inside • We will aim higher when dreams do inspire • Fierce as the sea • Wild and free • You are the chosen one • A Scarlet night, a force of life • Fill my heart with wonders to believe in • A gift of hope, so pure and bright • Our souls align • As darkness dies in light • Quod cupias futurum esse • Omnibus viribus • Factum erit in veritate • Crede mi, obdura, certus sum • See • Believe • Manifest the new reality • Quod cupias futurum esse • Factum erit in veritate • Be • The creator that you are meant to be • What we've been searching for • Lies within our very core • It's time to open our hearts • What we've been aiming for • Will transcend the human form • Before the last dawn is gone • Create our dream • Darkness dies in light • Believe • Darkness dies in light • Be free • Rise • Erupt with all your might • Let your spirit ignite • We are creating our destiny • We're finally free • We are two souls beyond eternity • Fierce as the sea • Wild and free • You are the chosen one • A Scarlet night, a force of life • Fill my heart with wonders to believe in • A gift of hope, so pure and bright • Our souls align • As darkness dies in light • A Starlit sky, a heart divine • Fill my dreams with wonders to believe in • A gift of hope, so pure and bright • Our stars will shine • All darkness dies tonight • Erase sadness • Darkness dies in light • Stop the madness • Darkness dies tonight • Light up and be free

OBSIDIAN HEART

MUSIC R. VAN DER LOO & EPICA
LYRICS S. SIMONS

Fire • I burn with desire • Madness • I'm feeding the sadness • I hear the silence in my head so loud • It fills my heart with doubt • Behind the pain the flame will reappear • Into the madness • Keep feeding the sadness • Into the heart of a hurricane • Beware or you'll go insane • Fight it • Silence • I have no more sense left • Blackness • I'm drowning defenseless • I feel the thunder in my heart is strong • Hard to keep holding on • The air that once lived in my lungs has gone • Into the madness • Keep feeding the sadness • Into the heart of a hurricane • Beware or you'll go insane • Fight • Breathing the fire • Burn deep with desire • No happy end to the fairytale • A mind where the shadows reigned, ruined • Tempta evitare • Obscurari a dolore • Fire • You make me feel higher • Madness • I part with the sadness • Into the madness • I'm done with the sadness • Out of the heart of a hurricane • Beware or you'll go insane • Fight • Evoke the fire • Burn bright in desire • A happy end to the fairytale • Behold it lives in the flame • Feel it • Into the madness • Higher

FIGHT TO SURVIVE

THE OVERVIEW EFFECT
MUSIC I. DELAHAYE & EPICA
LYRICS M. JANSEN

Within a heart of joy grow possibilities • To transcend inflicted boundaries • We will have to move beyond • All fears that do pull us down • I try to understand why I can't see it all • While I navigate through outer space • I hope we survive the fall • We'll need to unite them all • Does peace exist in chaos? • Do hearts believe that fate is on our side? • Are we unified? • The fire burns and purifies • Designed to unify • Our spirit is alive • We all fight to survive • I will fight to survive • We must navigate through this complexity • While we search for our stability • We'll have to endure it all • To find that we're powerful • I try to understand, but I can't see it all • While surrounded by this emptiness • I bear all the weight of life • Walking on fragile sheets of ice • Find stillness in the chaos • Our hearts should trust that we can turn the tide • We are unified • The fire burns and purifies • Designed to unify • Our spirit is alive • We all fight to survive • I will fight to survive • Let us turn the tide • We are unified • I am because we are • Unified • In every moment we will find • Signs of the divine • In every heartbeat lies a story • Shine just as we are • Be just as we are • One • On this journey • Our integrity is our great strength • The fire burns and purifies • Designed to unify • We are alive • Refine the art of our life • Designed to unify • Our spirit is alive • We all fight to survive • I will fight to survive • Let us unify • We are one and alive • Let us turn the tide • We are ready to • Fight

METANOIA

A NEW AGE DAWNS PART VIII
MUSIC M. JANSEN, C JANSSEN & EPICA
LYRICS M. JANSEN

Toto velamine remoto • Videmus veritatem • Essentia manebit • Pulcherrima • Search our universe • Delve into the soul's delight • Seek the chosen light • You don't want to live in pain forever • Embrace the true infinity • Rise from density • We all have to persevere together • All that deludes us • Creates illusions • In the odyssey of life • Amidst the inner strife • We learn how to nurture our creation • Lost paradise we will retrieve • As it was conceived • If we rise above our mind's damnation • All that's within us • Shapes our existence • Search for the answers in your heart • Where echoes fade, and dreams depart • Strive and pursue • In all you do • Together we are one • Together we are one • Our souls aligned • Together we are strong • Together we are one • One heart, one mind • Until the end • Search our universe • In the vast celestial sight • Quintessence resides • We'll find grace on cosmic tides together • We can shift the fear aside • With courage as our guide • There's no need to fight the waves forever • Divine conclusions • Transcend illusions • Search for the answers in your heart • Where echoes fade, and dreams depart • Strive and pursue • In all you do • Together we are one • Together we are one • Our souls aligned • Together we are strong • Together we are one • One heart, one mind • Until the end • Search for the answers in your heart • Where echoes fade, and dreams depart • Strive and pursue • In all you do • Together we are one • Toto velamine remoto • Videmus veritatem • Essentia manebit • Pulcherrima • Haunting me • Delusions that can't be • Darkness stretches endlessly • Between the devil and the deep blue sea • Choices weigh so heavily • All that's left is pain and sorrow • They won't set me free • Search for the answers in your heart • Where echoes fade, and dreams depart • Strive and pursue • In all you do • Together we are one • Together we are one • Our souls aligned • Together we are strong • Together we are one • One heart, one mind • Until the end

T.I.M.E.

MUSIC M. JANSEN, I. DELAHAYE & EPICA
LYRICS M. JANSEN

Life's an enigma, it may not have much time to lend • We know when it started but not when it ends • Our requiem, sung by the winds • Scream and shout • Let it all out • Scream out loud • Let it out • Our time has come. • For all it's begun • All the bells will chime • When our fate does call • And the curtains fall • All bells will chime, for the final time • Time is a river, that flows fiercely without relent • But without the water it dries up and ends • The fate of us all who ascend • Scream and shout • Let it all out • Scream out loud • Free your doubt • Thundering sound • Scream out loud • Shake the ground • Our time has come • For all it's begun • All the bells will chime • When our fate does call • And the curtains fall • All bells will chime, for the final time • As we die • We'll surrender and yield • Before the circle is closed • Fight for what matters most • It's our time • The moment of truth • Our time has come • For all it's begun • All the bells will chime • When our fate does call • And the curtains fall • All bells will chime, for it is our time

APPARITION

MUSIC I. DELAHAYE & EPICA
LYRICS S. SIMONS

Dive into the unknown • A song with a haunting rhyme • Playing the beats of a broken heart melody • A moon with a starless sky • Singing the song of spirit that was trapped in time • Open the halls • Our souls are caged in a prison of time • We all are lost in the dark • Seeking solace • A yearning desire • Unleash all our broken hearts • Dive into the unknown • She wanders alone at night • Is searching for any trace of untainted dreams • She'll never give up the fight • And sheds a light on the echoes of all youthful lies • Open the halls • Our souls are caged in a prison of time • We all are lost in the dark • Seeking solace • A yearning desire • Unleash all our broken hearts • Dive into the unknown • Inside these halls all alone • A chill in my bones • You can't resist finality • Condemned by tears • Chained • Depicting your pain in blue • A tortured soul far away from what's good and true • A ghost filled with disbelief • In search of peace feeding on the hearts so full of fears • Open the halls • Our souls are caged in a prison of time • We all are lost in the dark • Seeking solace • A yearning desire • Unleash all our broken hearts • Dive into the unknown • All alone • Cause we are living in hell • Conflicted to the bone • We will rise

EYE OF THE STORM

MUSIC A. VAN WEESENBEEK, I. DELAHAYE & EPICA
LYRICS S. SIMONS, M. JANSEN

Face reality, where the truth resides • Forgive your enemies, let compassion guide • The past lies in ruins, from ashes we will rise • Life guided by shadows, awakening • Arise from the ashes, let courage be your guide • Inside our hearts forever • Here I await to ascend • To ascend • With no end • In the eye of the storm, when you feel you like you're drowning • Don't imprison your soul, you will have to remember • In the eye of the storm, it is time for survival • Don't imprison your soul, seek and find peace within • You'll be free • Bend realities, put your pride aside • Embrace humility, let your guilt subside • The root of all darkness lies in a perfect storm • A cry in the silence, echoing • You'll rise from the embers, in stillness you're reborn • Light up the skies together, a flame with a light to transcend • To transcend • In the end • In the eye of the storm, when you feel you like you're drowning • Don't imprison your soul, you will have to remember • In the eye of the storm, it is time for survival • Don't imprison your soul, seek and find peace within • You'll be free • In the eye of the storm, when you feel you like you're drowning • Don't imprison your soul, you will have to remember • In the eye of the storm, it is time for survival • Don't imprison your soul, seek and find peace within • You'll be free • In the eye of the storm • Don't abandon your fire • Believe • In the eye of the storm • Don't abandon desire • Believe

THE GRAND SAGA OF EXISTENCE

A NEW AGE DAWNS PART IX
MUSIC M. JANSEN, I. DELAHAYE & EPICA
LYRICS M. JANSEN

Dive in your soul and see • Where compassion and empathy • Reign and find our unity • Let's revive who we are • Blindly wandering this karmic cage • We keep hoping for the wisdom of release • Feels like living in a cosmic haze • Never-ending torments are starting to take way • Face it • Your actions and intentions • Confront your past • Welcome the transcendence from life • Life plays out our symphony • And we can play the fortes that matter • A noble endeavor • Live in cosmic synchrony • Reach for the skies, embracing together • Now and Forever • Dive in your soul and see • Where compassion and empathy • Shine, define our unity • Let's revive who we are • Endless journeys through the wide unknown • We keep searching for the answers deep within • We are living in the twilight zone • Mysteries and wonders are destined to unfold • Face it • Your rage and apprehensions • Confront yourself • Welcome the transcendence from life • Life plays out our symphony • And we can play the fortes that matter • A noble endeavor • Live in cosmic synchrony • Reach for the skies, embracing together • Now and Forever • Now and forever stay strong • Heaven's within you, inside rings a song so true • Reborn • Here destined alive • Born • On life's endless tide • Born • To put all things right • Towards a future where love does preside • Write your own demise • Your mind is a pitfall in disguise • The goddess of desire has been freed • The goddess of desire will be seen • Wild as wild can be • The goddess of desire lives in me • Break free from the lies • Your heart is the door to paradise • You can choose to feed the fear which makes you only more of what you don't want to be • Life plays out our symphony • And we can play the fortes that matter • A noble endeavor • Live in cosmic synchrony • Reach for the skies, embracing together • Now and Forever • Life plays out anomalies • So we can be as solid as matter • Yet light as a feather • Time the endless fantasy • Aim for the skies we all have to treasure • Our sacred endeavor • Now and forever stay strong • Heaven's within you, inside rings a song so true for you

ASPIRAL

MUSIC R. VAN DER LOO & EPICA
LYRICS S. SIMONS

Seeds we sow will need • All of our love to grow • To reach new heights and guide below • We are reaching for the light • Shed the darkness of our fight • And now we're waiting for tomorrow's sun • Scars and tears set free • To fly in the atmosphere • Will clear the way and guide us all • We are digging through the dirt • Mending hearts and heal the hurt • Keep hope alive and watch the tables turn • Shape and mold • A world that gives us arms to hold • To be at peace • See meadows grow

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